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Division of Student Affairs

Dear colleagues,

It's that time of year again (and maybe fall has actually arrived early!). Excitement is growing as students are beginning to return. Here is some Student Affairs news that might be of interest to you as we anticipate the beginning of the new semester.

Team attends national institute on learning communities

A team comprised of ten UNI faculty and staff participated in the National Institute on Learning Communities at Evergreen State in Olympia, Washington. The goal of the team was to create a multi-year plan for the development of academic learning communities that will provide intentional, integrated and transformational experiences that are student-centered, faculty-led and administratively-supported. Team members consisted of:

- April Chatham-Carpenter, Interim Associate Provost & Dean, Graduate College
- Tony Smothers, Academic Advisor
- David Marchesani, Associate Director, Academic Advising
- Jamie Workman, Assistant Professor, Postsecondary Education
- Bill Harwood, Professor, Chemistry
- Roxie Tucker, Residence Life Coordinator
- Kristin Moser, Senior Research Analyst, Institutional Research
- Michelle Swanson, Instructor, School of Music
- Katie Hillyer, Professional Readiness Coordinator, College of Business
- Lyn Redington, Director, Residence Life

Thanks to all for working collaboratively to build our capacity to offer learning communities.

Welcome new AVP for Enrollment Management

Please join me in welcoming our new Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Matt Kroeger. Matt began at UNI on July 31 and is housed in Gilchrist 113 (former conference room next to the Registrar's Office). He will lead our enrollment management effort and is jointly supervised by Provost Mike Licari and me. Though originally from Iowa, Matt moved very recently from Idaho with his spouse Steffany and children Gabe and Jillian. Please join me in welcoming Matt and his family back to UNI.

Big plans in place for fall opening

Thanks to the help of many, improvements to fall opening operations are in the works! Improvements for this fall include the following:

- Extended service hours in Student Affairs offices, the Office of Business Operations and the Computer Consulting Center.
- Campus-wide participation in residence hall student move-in.
- Guided tours on the weekend in academic buildings for way-finding purposes.
- Expanded Welcome Week website that includes a welcome from President Ruud, a complete schedule of events, dining hours, helpful resources and a photo gallery.

For additional information, visit: uni.edu/welcomeweek/.

Matthews promoted to Executive Director

I am pleased to announce that Shelley Matthews has been promoted to Executive Director, Health and Recreation Services. In this role, she will provide oversight to Student Health Clinic, Counseling Services, and Recreation Services. She will continue to serve as Director of Student Health Clinic.

As part of this transition, the organizational entity formerly known as University Health Services is renamed Health and Recreation Services. I am confident that Shelley will provide effective leadership and management in her new role. Please join me in congratulating her on her promotion.

Fifth Annual Student Affairs Preview Day scheduled

The Department of Educational Leadership and Postsecondary Education and the Division of Student Affairs are proud to announce the fifth annual Student Affairs Preview Day will be September 19, 2014.

Preview Day is open to any student interested in learning about UNI's Postsecondary Education: Student Affairs master's degree program. The half-day event will include information about the application process, curriculum, assistantship and funding opportunities, and graduate student life. The day will conclude with lunch and an interactive panel of current faculty, staff, and students.

Please refer any student to: www.uni.edu/deanofstudents/content/fall-preview-day-registration. The registration deadline is September 15. For questions, contact Mark Rowe-Barth at Mark.Rowe-Barth@uni.edu.

Denison promoted to Director of Recreation Services

I am pleased to announce that Chris Denison has been appointed to serve as Director of Campus Recreation. Chris formerly served as Associate Director for Facilities. I am confident that Chris will provide the leadership needed to maintain and improve the excellent programs and services provided by the department. Please join me in welcoming him into his new role.

Special thanks to all of you for your participation in the selection process. And very special thanks to Tim Klatt who will continue to play an important role in the administration and leadership of recreation programs at UNI.

Warren, Rowe-Barth to chair committees

Brittany Warren, Disability Specialist with Student Disability Services, has agreed to serve as chair of the Student Affairs Diversity Team, replacing Tabatha Cruz who has left UNI to take a position at Iowa State University. Thanks to Tabatha for her leadership and service while in this role and welcome to Brittany.

Mark Rowe-Barth, Wellness Services, has been appointed to chair the Healthy Campus Coalition, replacing Kathy Green who has retired. Thanks to Kathy for guiding the creation of the coalition and to Mark for taking on the leadership role.

Thanks for all you do to help students succeed.

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